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opening has a polygonal shape clearly are related. Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 13, and 24 are generic and are readable on all the species. Applicant also submits that a thorough search and examination of the species where the access opening has a circular shape would be relevant to the examination of the other species, and would not be a serious burden on the examiner. Additionally, requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the election requirement is requested.

Further, Applicants elect, with traverse, the species where the servicing platform is steel. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-33 are readable on this species.

The requirement for election is traversed because the species where the servicing platform is steel, where the servicing platform is aluminum, where the servicing platform is a thermoplastic and fiber composite material, and where the servicing platform is a combination of steel, aluminum, and/or a thermoplastic and fiber composite material clearly are related. Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 13, and 24 are generic and are readable on all the species. Applicant also submits that a thorough search and examination of the species where the servicing platform is steel would be relevant to the examination of the other species, and would not be a serious burden on the examiner. Additionally, requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the election requirement is requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims now active in this application are

believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is

- a small entity. A verified statement:  
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
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Fee: \$

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*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

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OR

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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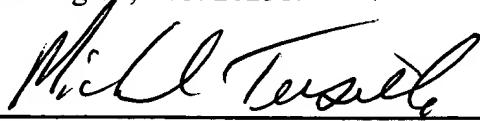
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